

Looking Beyond the Border:

Building a Monitoring Framework for the Great Lakes Basin

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Goal: To synthesize information from monitoring coordination efforts within and external to the Great Lakes basin, and provide feedback and recommendations to the Binational Executive Committee (BEC) monitoring group and other binational entities.

1:30 **Welcome/Introduction:** Welcome to the workshop and introduction of purpose/goals

Presenter: Ric Lawson

1:40 **Background presentation(s):** Presentation on issues and steps leading up to the BEC workshops. Include summary of ongoing monitoring coordination initiatives and summary of Chicago and Niagara-on-the-Lake meetings.

Presenters: Paul Horvatin and Judy Beck, U.S. EPA (Chicago workshop)

 Scott Painter, Environment Canada (Niagara workshop)

2:10 **What can be learned from outside the basin?** Presentation on key elements of monitoring coordination that have been successful outside the Great Lakes region. Elements will be drawn from the “International Boundaries” and the “Capacity Building ” workshops held just prior to this workshop.

Presenters: Robert Ward, Colorado State University (Int’l Boundaries)

 Elizabeth Moran, Cornell University ; Ecologic, LLC (Capacity Building)

2:50 **Panel Discussion I:** Panelists from above will lead a discussion with other participants on issues related to broad monitoring coordination. Questions to consider include:

- What works? What are some of the elements of successful coordination of monitoring programs across agency and political jurisdictions?
- What are the barriers? What are the programmatic or implementation difficulties to monitoring coordination?
- What is the right scale for monitoring coordination? What types of coordination activities need to take place at the basin-wide scale? Which elements can be left to individual lakes, agencies, states, and localities?

3:20 *Break*

3:30 ***Panel Discussion II:*** After the break, the panel discussion will continue with a focus on concrete recommendations for broad monitoring coordination. The discussion should answer the following question:

- If a broad monitoring network were to be designed for the Great Lakes basin, what would it look like? What elements are needed? How would the present system need to change? What should not be changed?

4:20 ***Summary:*** Key points of agreement will be highlighted and summarized. Following the workshop, a summary document will be developed.

4:30 *Adjourn*